

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention relates to a folding top for a cabriolet vehicle ~~according to the preamble of claim 1, 4 or 6.~~

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0005]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] ~~The~~ An object of the invention is to improve a folding top mentioned in the introduction to the extent that the kinematics has a particularly simple layout.

Please delete paragraph [0006].

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following amended paragraph:

[0007] The present invention provides a folding top for a cabriolet vehicle that includes a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element; a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top; and a third roof part including a hard shell part extending transversely to the direction of travel over an entire width of the vehicle, the third roof top being disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top and wherein the third roof part is displaceable to a position over the second roof part. By the possibility-provided by the invention-in claim 1 of displacing the third roof part over the second roof part it is advantageously achieved that a folding top according to the invention can comprise three complete roof parts, a particularly space-saving stacking sequence of the roof parts being made possible.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] The present invention also provides a folding top for a cabriolet vehicle that includes a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element; a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top; a third roof part disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top; and a positive control means connecting the third roof part and the first roof part. By the possibility ~~provided by the invention in claim 4~~ of connecting the third roof part and the first roof part to one another by a positive control means it is advantageously achieved that the necessary number of separate drive devices is reduced.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The present invention also provides a folding top for a cabriolet vehicle that includes a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element; a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is mounted in a movable manner on the second roof part; and a third roof part disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top. As a result of the first roof part being mounted in a movable manner according to the invention on the second roof part ~~in claim 6~~, the first roof part can easily be pivoted over the second roof part in the direction of travel without there being any need for special measures, for example links designed as hydraulic cylinders, for the purpose of raising the first roof part.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] The characterizing features of claims 1, 4 and 6 discussed above can preferably also be combined with one another in each case in full or in pairs as desired, in which case the respective

advantages are supplemented.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following amended paragraph:

[0034] Further advantages and features of the folding top according to the invention can be gathered from the exemplary embodiments described hereinbelow and from the ~~dependent~~ claims.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0035]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0077]:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the Abstract

Please replace the Abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE03/01214 with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle, ~~comprising that includes~~ a first roof part (1) which rests on a rear element (10) of the vehicle, which can be opened, in the closed covering position, a second roof part (2) which is pivotably mounted on the vehicle and is disposed in front of the first roof part (1) in the direction of traffic when said second roof part (2) is in a closed covering position, a third roof part (3) which is disposed in front of the second roof part (2) in the direction of traffic when said third roof part (3) is in a closed covered position. The first roof part (1) can be lifted from the rear element (10). ~~The aim of the invention is to create a~~ A folding top with a particularly simple kinematic configuration is provided for. ~~Said aim is achieved by~~ allowing the third roof part to be moved over the second roof part.